Company	Average No. of contractor workers
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	7000
Northern Coalfields Limited	5500

(d) Coal companies are already implementing schemes for the welfare of their employees and their families which include facilities like housing, water supply, medical care, sports & games, cultural activities etc. Welfare Boards consisting of representatives of the management and trade unions are functioning at apex level at CIL to oversee the activities at company's level.

Delegation of powers by C.I.L.

1803. SHRI C.R THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited proposes to delegate its powers to its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the role of C.I.L. thereafter;

(d) whether the C.I.L. proposes to give permission for sale of the mines to the manufacturing sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Questions do not arise.